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FRONT PAGE GIRL

The fairy story of Jenny Jones

If the producer of a film or play needs a child actor or actress he invariably applies to dramatic schools where children are already learning to act; and it is seldom, says CN correspondent Edward Lanchbery, that he fails to find a boy or girl who fits the character he is seeking. Sometimes the search has to go further, as it did in the case of Frances Gowens, better known as Jenny Jones of the film Front Page Story. And then, in the words with which her father greeted our correspondent in his house in London's Dockland, "It was just like a fairy story."

OVER a hundred girls put forward by dramatic schools had been auditioned by the productions manager of the British Lion Film Corporation for the part of a waif to be adopted by a newspaper in the film, Front Page Story. He wanted a girl "with a face like an angel and yet with obviously a lot of mischief in her."

It was the Cockney accent which failed most of the children who might otherwise have been suitable for the role. In every case the accent sounded forced and unnatural, and at last the film company decided that the only thing left was to go and find a real Cockney child.

IN LONDON'S DOCKLAND

The search started at a dancing school in London's Dockland. Nobody except the principal, Miss O'Farrell, knew the identity of the visitor who had arrived to look at the pupils. If anything, the mothers and children thought he was probably connected with a charity concert at which he wanted the school dancing troupe to appear.

Instead of watching the children dance, however, he asked all mothers to leave the room.

"Then," said Frances Gowen, "he made us all get into one long line. He walked down it picking out children and saying to them, 'Thank you very much, you can go and see your mother now'."

Eventually only five children remained in the line, and the visitor, none other than the film productions manager, was studying nine-year-old Frances Gowens thoughtfully. She had the "face of an angel" all right, and the obvious streak of mischief bub-

bling beneath it, but she was rather small.

At last he had a private word with Mrs. Gowens. Frances seemed to be just the girl they wanted, and he would like her to go with the other children for a test at the studio. There was, however, one thing the film productions manager was not sure about: the girl in the film had to act as "mother" to a number of children, and it was possible that Frances might look too small for one accepted naturally as their leader.

DAY'S OUTING

Frances herself was not much concerned. The prospect of a day's outing to a film studio was exciting enough by itself, without worrying about whether she would eventually appear in a film or not.

"At the studio," said Frances, "they told me to go into a small room and say some words to a man who looked like Jack Hawkins. But it wasn't Jack Hawkins, it was his stand-in."

Any lack of inches was more than offset by Frances Gowens' personality; and the day ended triumphantly when the studio sent her home in a car, accompanied by a representative to discuss matters with her parents.

One point raised by the film company was a film name for Frances. They thought she should be given a simple one that would be easily remembered, and suggested Jenny Jones—Jenny being the name of the character she was to play in Front Page Story.

ON THE SCREEN

The idea appealed to Mr. and Mrs. Gowens. Their view was that if their daughter did not prove to be a success, then no one need know that Jenny Jones was Frances Gowens.

Ask Frances what she remembers most about her filming, and she starts to talk at once, not of the stars—Jack Hawkins, Elizabeth Allan, Derek Farr—and not even of seeing herself on the screen for the first time, but of studio telephones.

There were telephones everywhere: in the children's dressing-rooms and even in the cars and trucks in which Frances, alias



COLLISION WITH ELEPHANTS

Harry Willoughby and his 17-year-old friend Pieter Beets were driving home at night in a small open car in Southern Rhodesia when they suddenly saw a herd of elephants on the road a few yards ahead. Although the brakes were swiftly applied they bumped into a baby elephant and struck another.

Pieter shouted to Harry to jump for it and made off into the bush, but as Harry leapt out he fell—right underneath a huge bull elephant. Fortunately the bull could not get at him with its tusks and, rolling clear, Harry too escaped as quickly as he could into the bush.

After a wait of ten minutes they carefully returned. They found that the elephants had gone—but so had their car. It was 20 yards along the road, overturned and battered into nearly a complete wreck.

This happy band

Promising young players are selected to attend classes given by a Manchester firm's Brass Band. Here we see some young hopefuls preparing for an audition.

HE CYCLES FROM EVERY PORT

Whenever his ship is in port Chief Steward Alf Chenery goes cycling. He has been doing so for 20 years, and in that time he has cycled 46,000 miles in 20 lands.

Mr. Chenery cycled all over the city of Auckland, New Zealand, while his ship was unloading and loading cargo. Another tour lasted three months, for while his ship was laid up he cycled through England and Scotland.

Only once in 20 years has Mr. Chenery had to leave his faithful bicycle behind. During the war a ship in which he served was torpedoed, and he spent two weeks drifting in the Atlantic.

SPRING CHICKEN

A cockerel in a farmyard at Loddon, Norfolk, has had a remarkable adventure.

Escaping from a crate of chickens on sale at a local market it took refuge by perching on the spring of a car. The car was driven 16 miles to a Lowestoft garage, and two days later was driven back to Loddon. Then someone noticed the cockerel sitting underneath.

Smothered with oil, it was removed from its "perch," cleaned and fed, and returned to its owner, apparently none the worse for its adventure.

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Jenny Jones

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FINLAND MAY BRIDGE THE GULF

C N Diplomatic Correspondent

FINLAND, a country that manages to keep out of most international disputes, has quite suddenly discovered that she may be in a particularly good position to help foster friendship among her European neighbours. She might in time even help to bridge the gulf between East and West.

The foundations of the bridge would be Finnish trade—with Britain and the West generally, and with Russia and the East. Finland is increasing her import and export trade with Russia, and at the same time there should be increased trade between Britain and Finland as the result of a pact negotiated in London recently.

The development of an import-export system through Finland between the countries now gripped by the Cold War is without doubt a way in which Finland could play an important role in international affairs. Her willingness to do so is certain, despite her anxiety not to take sides.

ROUTES TO FRIENDSHIP

Sir Winston Churchill recently spoke about the importance of such "routes to friendship through trade."

"The more trade there is," he said, "through the Iron Curtain—and between Britain and Soviet Russia and its satellites—the better will be the chance of East and West living together in increased comfort."

Finland's position gives her an understanding of both sides. For she is the only country that was once within the old Russian Empire but remains outside the Iron Curtain. Though, of course, highly susceptible to Russian influence, this has not prevented her from taking an almost passionate interest in the West and Western ways. Indeed, it would seem to have been Soviet policy to leave her freely in contact with the West.

The Finns work hard to make their country prosperous, and they are not unduly depressed by setbacks. What they need most is capital to develop what they call their "green gold"—the timber they can obtain in vast quantities from their Northern forests.

The moose and the brown bears of those forests sometimes venture

forth on the highway, and perhaps they look curiously at the new townships which have grown in the past few years, with fine administrative buildings and beautiful churches.

For in the years since the end of the war, the Finns have done more than merely repair their battle-ravaged country. Always they look for new outlets for their energy. But work is not their only thought. They have the Western love of sport, and of football in particular. They even follow the fortunes of British football clubs, and names such as Blackburn Rovers and West Bromwich Albion are almost as familiar in Finland as they are in Britain.

The Finns know their country will never be a Great Power, but their enthusiasm and deep-rooted democracy makes them highly important citizens of the world. Nothing would please them more than to be the healer of the breach between East and West.

Underwater fisherman



Mr. H. F. Osborne of California designed this machine which can take him at speed below the surface. By pedalling as if riding a bicycle he is able to chase and harpoon big, swift-moving fish.

FRONT PAGE GIRL

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Jenny, and her stand-in were always begging to ride. Her stand-in was a girl about the same size as herself upon whom the studio lighting and cameras were tested before the filming started.

To a nine-year-old girl who had never used a telephone before, it was enthralling to sit down in her dressing-room and ring up the children next door.

"We even used to ring up from the truck when we were driving round the studio," said Frances excitedly. "Filming was fun!"

The scenes with Jenny Jones were filmed during the holidays, so that there was no interruption in schooling. In the contract that her success has earned her, pro-

vision is made for Frances to be taught at the studios by a governess during future films. So the telephone operators at the studio will probably be relieved to know that next time when "Jenny" is not actually filming, she will be otherwise engaged with her lessons.

When she returned to school at the end of the holidays Frances said nothing at all about her filming adventures. And it was not until a newspaper photographer, who had seen a preview of the film, arrived at the school and asked permission to take photographs of "Jenny Jones" that her schoolfellows learned the secret of the Front Page girl in their midst.

It really was just like a fairy story.



By the C N Press Gallery Correspondent

NOTHING draws the Commons like a big foreign affairs debate. The crowded floor and galleries, peers and Ambassadors ranged along the front of the public gallery, the rapt attention with which Sir Winston Churchill, Mr. Eden, Mr. Attlee, and Mr. Morrison are heard—such scenes are of the stuff of history.

The last great occasion was the debate on the Berlin conference. While this debate continues—in public and in foreign Parliaments—we might with profit seize on one of the Premier's major passages. Sir Winston said:

"Thought is fluid and pervasive, hope enduring and aspiring. The vast territorial empire and multitudes of subjects which the Soviets grasped to themselves in the hour of Allied victory constitute the main cause of division now existing among the civilised nations."

"On the other hand, Stalin's use of his triumph has produced some other results which will live and last and which certainly should not have been seen in our time but for the Soviet's pressure and menace."

"No one but Stalin, nothing but the action of Russia under his sway, could make that alliance and brotherhood of English-speaking peoples, on which the life of the free world depends, come so swiftly and firmly into being."

"Nothing but the policy of the Soviets and Stalin could have laid the foundations of that deep and lasting association which now exists between Germany and the Western world, between Germany and the United States, between Germany and Britain and, I trust, between Germany and France."

"These are events which will live and grow while the conquests and expansion achieved by military forces and political machinery will surely dissolve or take new and other forms."

PROPHETIC words—as so many of Sir Winston's words have been. In view of the events in Egypt at the end of last month, this passage, too, had a prophetic ring:

"One of the disadvantages of dictatorship is that the dictator is often dictated to by others, and what he did to others may often be done back again to him."

Sir Winston said that in his famous speech of May 11 last year, when General Neguib seemed securely in the saddle.

FACT: Because of the disappearance of the malarial mosquito, the death-rate in Cyprus today is one of the lowest in the world, says the Earl of Munster, Under-Secretary for the Colonies.

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News from Everywhere

BIBLE SOCIETY'S 150 YEARS

Last Sunday was the 150th anniversary of The British and Foreign Bible Society. Among the celebrations this year will be a visit to Britain next month of 120 delegates from the United Bible Societies in 30 overseas countries.

Thirteen-year-old Princess Margrethe, heir to the throne of Denmark, is to attend a school in Britain.

A new method of Braille printing known as "solid dot" is being tried out in Britain by the National Institute for the Blind. It enables Braille scripts to be printed three times as fast as by present methods.

DOGS BY THE INCH

Dachshund puppies are being sold by the inch in New Zealand. Dog in Montreal have been given goloshes to protect their feet against the calcium chloride sprinkled on pavements to melt snow.

The remains of a mastodon with some teeth as big as a man's fist and between 25,000 and 30,000 years old have been found in a pond in New Jersey, U.S.A.

Within a year Penny-a-Week contributions to the Save the Children Fund have increased by two million. They now total 19 million.

Melbourne is to have a talking-clock service similar to London's TIM.

New Zealand's 1953 Health stamps raised £35,000 for camps for sick children.

NOBLE AIM

The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland have chosen as their motto Magni Esse Mereamus (Let Us Deserve to be Great).

Suffolk rural community council is to hold an annual competition for the best-kept village in the county.

TEA IN TANKS

A War Office spokesman has said that men in Centurion tanks can boil water to make tea by plugging in electric kettles to the tank's power.

The Norwegian-British North Sea Foundation has been set up to help victims of maritime accidents in the North Sea. Funds will also provide medical aid, scholarships, lectureships, and summer schools in Norway and Britain.

The Maldives Islands in the Indian Ocean have renounced their 14-month-old republic and restored the Sultanate which ruled them for over 800 years.

Now in operation at Scunthorpe is the first of four new blast furnaces, said to be the largest in Europe and capable of turning out 6500 tons of pig iron a week.

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Old favourites

The Children's Zoo at Regent's Park is open again, and among the old favourites still there are the three donkeys, Josie, Jenny, and Binnie. Here we see them with Zoo Hostess Roma Sunderland.

FROM FOOTPLATE TO CABINET

From engine driving to statesmanship and then back to engine driving for a spell has been the unique experience of Sir Roy Welensky, well-known Rhodesian politician. He has just retired from the railway, for health reasons, after 30 years as a member of its staff.

Sir Roy, who had been heavy-weight boxing champion of his country, was a main-line engine driver when he was elected to the Northern Rhodesia Legislative Assembly in 1938. In 1941 he became Director of Manpower, and after relinquishing that post in 1947 he returned to his old job as an engine driver.

But it was not to be for long. Legislative Council duties called him back, and he is now Federal Minister of Transport and Communications.

CHILDREN AT PLAY

The LCC have arranged an exhibition to show the activities of London's school play centres. It opens next Tuesday for five days at the County Hall.

Children will be seen at various handicraft and artistic pursuits, and there will be demonstrations of dancing, sport, and other typical activities.

Play centres originated in London in 1897 when Mrs. Humphrey Ward opened one in Bloomsbury. Today they number 140 and are attended by six per cent of London's schoolchildren.

HATS OR BERETS FOR SCOUTS?

The Boy Scouts' Association is to ask Scout Troops to decide whether they wish to continue wearing the traditional hat or to replace it with the beret.

The Scout hat introduced by Lord Baden-Powell is on the pattern used during the Boer War, but the beret, which has been worn for some time by Rover Scouts, became popular during the last war.

TRIBAL DRUM FOR THE QUEEN

A new treasure at the British Museum is a drum presented to the Queen by a Rhodesian tribal chief.

Such a drum is sounded only in the presence of the chief who owns it, and the skin, that of a water lizard, is broken at his death and replaced on the accession of the new chief.

With the drum came a message expressing the hope that the rights of the tribe would be as secure in Queen Elizabeth's reign as they had been during those of her predecessors.

PAUL GOES DIGGING

Two years ago Paul Gascoyne was digging round his home at Abbey Farm in Shouldham, Norfolk, when he dug up a Roman coin and part of a sealing ring of the Middle Ages. Now he has unearthed three skeletons which are believed to be about 600 to 700 years old.

It is believed that his home was once part of a priory, and Paul's discoveries may help to prove this theory.

CURED BY MAGIC HELMET

Four-year-old Tony Hutchinson of Cleethorpes, who lay seriously ill with rheumatic fever, constantly cried for a real fireman's helmet. His mother and relatives scoured the shops in vain.

Then Station Officer Naylor, of the Grimsby Fire Brigade, heard of Tony's longing and, taking a helmet from the station stores, he went to Tony's house.

Tony put the helmet on—and from that time he has never looked back. Soon the delighted doctor was letting him get up for a short time each day.

Mr. Naylor, who will soon retire after 38 years' service, has told Tony that he can keep the helmet. "I could not have wished for anything better to close my career," said Mr. Naylor.

COSTUMES FOR THE CLASSROOM

The picturesque dress of other days makes an attractive study, and many schools will welcome the colourful wallcharts called Costumes of Europe in Wool, published by the International Wool Secretariat. Some of the folk costumes shown are still commonly worn, such as those of the Black Forest and Bavaria.

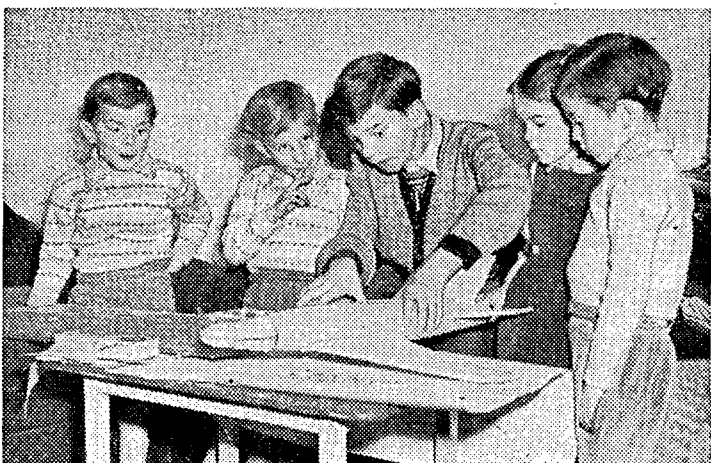
Each picture measures 18½ inches by 13½, and descriptive notes are printed below. The set of 12 can be obtained for 7s. 6d., post free, from the Secretariat at Dorland House, 18-20 Regent Street, London, S.W.1.

FLYING DOG KENNELS

The number of American servicemen's pets flown from Manchester to New York, via Amsterdam, has earned Royal Dutch Airways the nickname Dog Kennel Line. Recently the K.L.M. flew its 100th dog across the Atlantic.

U.S. airmen, stationed at Burtonwood, to whom all these animals belong, seem to have taken a great fancy to British dogs. Their favourites are bulldogs, bull terriers, Welsh collies, spaniels and other gun dogs.

At Amsterdam, where the flying dogs have to change planes, they are cared for at the K.L.M. Animal Hotel at Schiphol Airport.



Five Taylors of Edmonton

The Taylor quads of Edmonton in North London are now five years old, and always ready to lend a hand. Here we see, from left, Robert, Paul, Annette, and Kevin watching 12-year-old brother Raymond at work on a model plane.

HAPPY DAYS FOR JACK

Saving horses from slaughter is the spare-time occupation of Miss Dorothy Lawrence of Bedford.

Recently she achieved the first success in her campaign to save the last eight railway dray horses employed at Bedford Station. By organising dances and whist drives, she raised £45, enough to buy an eight-year-old horse called Jack and find him a good home in the country.

Jack now has the freedom of a 19-acre field at the nearby village of Bromham, where he earns his keep with occasional farm work at the Bromham Hospital Farm.

Describing how the former town horse reacted when first given his freedom, Mr. Benson, the farm manager, said: "When we let him loose he galloped all the way to Bottom End and back again, and then he did it again and again, as if he couldn't believe it was real. Then he rolled over just for fun. He was like a two-year-old colt."

Crocodiles both



This five-year-old crocodile at Bristol Zoo willingly opens his mouth for a spray to another "crocodile," 15-year-old Colin Freear. Colin has been playing the part of a crocodile in a touring company's stage presentation of Peter Pan.

OLD LAMP FROM THE RIVER BED

A chalk-miner's candle lamp was found in the river bed during recent bridge-widening operations at Swallowfield in Berkshire.

The lamp, which could be hooked to the operator's clothing to allow both hands to be free, had a complete candle in position in its holder.

The candle, probably 19th-century, has been loaned by Berkshire County Council to Reading Museum.

POPULAR SCIENCE

There should be a big demand for Modern Science Illustrated (Odhams Press, 25s.), for it contains a copiously illustrated and readable survey of physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy, and geology.

Each section has been compiled by a scientist, and there is a particularly fascinating chapter on Atomic Physics by B. G. Whitmore, D.Sc.

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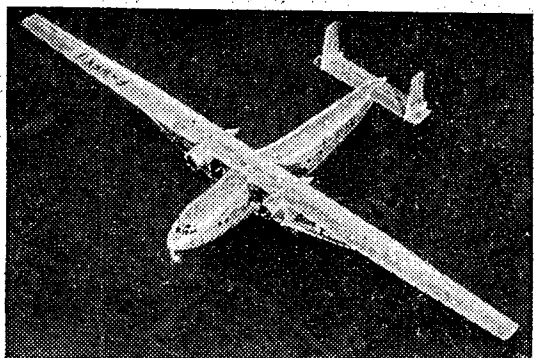
By the C.N. Flying Correspondent

At no time during the past 50 years has there been a greater variety of ideas on wing shapes than at present.

Most of us are becoming familiar with the swept-wing, deltas, and crescents, and soon

width of the wing is still only eight feet, which gives the machine the appearance of a huge, thin-winged dragonfly.

Credit for designing the thin wing goes to M. Hurel. After a series of wind tunnel tests he concluded that the drag of a monoplane braced by wide struts creating lift is less than that of a normal monoplane of the same size without struts. This means that a considerably greater load can be carried for the same power. The H.D. 32 may prove to be one of the most economic freight



The match-winged Hurel Dubois 31.

these outlandish shapes may be joined by channel and isoclinic wings. Now comes "match-winged" planes.

An order for 24 Hurel-Dubois H.D. 32 match-winged freighters has been placed by Air France.

The H.D. 32 is based on a tiny research plane that visited this country two years ago. The H.D. 10, as it was called, had a wing span of just over 39 feet and a wing width of 15½ inches! The "full-size" H.D. 32 has a span of 147 feet 6 inches, but the minimum

planes for its power in the world.

After the tiny H.D. 10 had proved his theories in practice, M. Hurel built the large H.D. 31 illustrated here. The new H.D. 32 ordered by Air France is merely a re-engineered version of this, and is fitted with two 1200-h.p. Pratt and Whitney Twin Wasp radials.

Designed to carry the equivalent of 42 passengers, it will have a cruising speed of about 170 m.p.h. and a range of 600 miles.

It happened this week

QUEEN MARY OF SCOTLAND SEES MURDER

MARCH 9, 1566. EDINBURGH.—In the presence of Queen Mary of Scotland herself, David Rizzio, her 35-year-old Italian secretary, was stabbed to death tonight in the Queen's Supper Room of her Edinburgh palace of Holyroodhouse.

A band of armed men burst into the room while the Queen was at supper with a small party, including the Italian, and inflicted no fewer than 56 dagger wounds on their victim. While the deed was done Lord Darnley, the Queen's consort, held her arms.

One of the men plucked Darnley's dagger from his belt and reached over the Queen to stab Rizzio.

The murderers dragged the dying man to the head of the staircase and there left his body.

It is known that Rizzio's rise in the Queen's favour had angered her consort and many other Scottish nobles, and the Queen, to guard against any attack, some time ago actually decided to recruit a bodyguard . . . of Italians!

Rizzio lived in great style, and is believed to have been a wealthy man; he is thought to have possessed £11,000 in gold.

ARMING AGAINST THE PRETENDER

MARCH 10, 1744. LONDON.—Some 500 Swiss living in or near London have offered to form a regiment for use in the King's service in case of invasion from France by Prince Charles Edward, son of the Stuart Pretender to the Crown, Chevalier St. George, who is presumptuously styled James III by his supporters.

Regimental uniforms already being made for them will be grey, decorated with red lapels.

Ten thousand steel caps and breastplates, along with axes and saws, 1000 barrels of gunpowder, 1000 cartridges and belts, 5000 muskets and 40 tons of cannonballs were shipped to the Tower of London today.

They will be used by the Forces of His Majesty King George for the defence of his estates in Hanover.

MACHINES WRECKED BY HOSIERY WORKERS

MARCH 11, 1811. NOTTINGHAM.—Hosiery workers, masked and operating at night, have smashed 63 of the new hosiery frames installed at Arnold, near Nottingham.

The rioters, who attack in groups of between 6 and 60, call themselves Luddites, after their leader, a hosiery worker named Ned Ludd.

They claim that the new machines will throw the hand-workers out of work. Similar machine-wrecking outbreaks are reported from Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Derbyshire.

ON THE AIR—by Ernest Thomson, our Radio and TV Correspondent

SILENCE WHEN THE WHISTLE BLOWS

HAVE you ever invented a super-sonic whistle? Brayne did. He was a small, studious pupil at St. Radigund's Academy for Boys, and we can see—and sometimes hear—all the chaos it caused in Whistle for Silence, Donald Green's play in Children's TV on Thursday and again on March 14.

Producer Stephen Harrison tells me that Brayne's whistle has two effects. When blown it makes an infernal din, but when squeezed it sets up a zone of silence in which all noises, speech included, are completely blotted out. The headmaster, Dr. Lovibond, M.A., is seen speaking, but no words issue from his mouth, and the effects on him and the assistant master are devastating.

To obtain these results the engineers will employ the studio microphone "cut-out" normally used while forgetful actors are being prompted. One of Brayne's brainwaves is to silence alternate words, so that Dr. Lovibond says exactly the opposite of what he means.

Like the Billy Bunter stories, this



Bunny May

play is likely to be promoted to a place in the evening programmes for grown-ups.

Thirteen-year-old Bunny May, who was seen in The Scarlet Daffodil, will play Brayne. Other boys are Lance Secretan, Wilfred Downing, and Thomas Conisise.

Fire-raising

A BIG warehouse fire will be staged for TV on Saturday evening when 250 Civil Defence workers show how they would deal with an atomic bomb explosion in London Docks.

With Richard Dumbleby as commentator, viewers will be taken to Sunderland Wharf, Bermondsey, to see floodlit rescues from a demolished house, and homeless people being taken to safety in a fleet of river boats.

Cat call

IF you like cats try to get home to the TV set by 4 o'clock this Friday; you will see them on the screen by the dozen. Viewers will be shown a film made for the R.S.P.C.A. on how to keep cats healthy and happy. The title is Cats on the Hearth.

Best of the week

LISTENERS, for a variety of reasons, frequently miss the broadcasts they would most like to hear. Family Circle, the new regular series starting at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning in the Light, is intended for people who miss the Younger Generation programmes during the week.

It will be a digest of the best things; on Saturday, for example, there will be excerpts from this Thursday's Transatlantic Question Time, introduced by Judy Clarke, one of the regular compères in the Younger Generation unit. Listen, too, for the week's brightest moments in Under-Twenty Parade and Under-Twenty Review.

This makes them shout

ARE schoolgirls the loudest shouters in the world? So wonders TV Producer Antony Craxton, who will face a microphone problem when the England v. Scotland women's hockey match is televised from Wembley on Saturday.

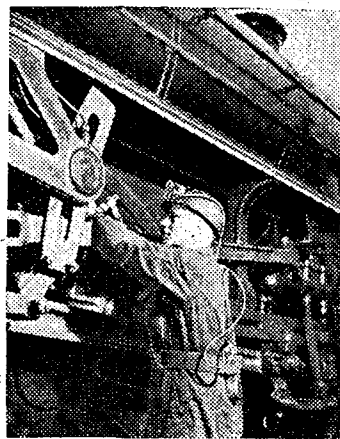
At the England v. Belgium match last year, which was also televised, most of the 43,000 crowd were schoolgirls. Their cheers were so shrill that, although the "effects" microphone was cut out, the noise penetrated to the commentator's box and at times drowned the commentary.

Railway career

WHAT is life like inside a railway booking office. Recently a BBC recording unit was installed in the booking-office at Paddington, the Western Region's London terminus, to give impressions during the rush hour. This will be one of the "sound pictures" in Children's Hour on Saturday when I Want To Be . . . deals with careers on the railway.

John Lane, the writer and producer, was given help by all the Regions of British Railways in building up an authentic story. Recordings were also made in the railway training college at Hadley Wood, Herts, and the locomotive sheds at King's Cross.

Railwayman's lamp



British Railways has adopted the miner's type of lamp for use by workers in their repair depots. Here we see a fitter wearing one of the new lamps as he works on a locomotive at King's Cross.

Enjoy your play!

Chew Wrigley's delicious gum. It's fun to chew—

Freshens your taste—quenches your thirst.

The lovely flavours last and last.

CLIP ME OUT!



WRIGLEY
GAME No. 2
"DETECTIVES"

One of you, the Detective, goes out of the room. All the others sit in a circle holding out both hands clenched in front of them. One person has a packet of Wrigley's chewing gum in his fist—the others have nothing. The Detective comes back into the room and is allowed three guesses to find who has the packet of Wrigley's. If he succeeds, he is rewarded with the chewing gum.

Chew
WRIGLEY'S

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British builders look to The Thatched Barn

JUST outside London, near Elstree, on the busy bypass road to the North, there is a large building called The Thatched Barn. Before the war it was a country club or road-house. Now it is used as the research station for building operations, under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

In the 20 acres of ground are big workshops and partially-built houses. There are walls of different materials, neat piles of various types of bricks, concrete mixers, and other kinds of building machinery for testing.

One of the workshops is in a type of building known as a "Ctesiphon". Built of reinforced concrete, this type of building is a link with ages long past. Its design is strikingly similar to that of the gigantic arch which still stands with part of the sixth century palace of the Parthian kings at Ctesiphon, in what is now Iraq.

The headquarters of the Research Unit is in central London and is staffed by a team of scientists, architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, and builders. At The Thatched Barn are the professional engineers with craftsmen and various building trades operatives.

The object of their combined efforts is to produce better buildings by methods which will save both time and money.

WAYS of doing the hundred and one kinds of building jobs have to be constantly examined to

see if they can be improved on. For instance, men have been pushing wheelbarrows along planks for centuries. But is there any way of doing this simple thing better, quicker, and more cheaply? That would be a typical problem.

Then there is the question of traditional materials being replaced by new ones which the building industry has been driven to seek because of shortages and international money difficulties brought about by war.

The Building Research Station makes experiments at The Thatched Barn and then offers advice on how to plan and carry out building work so as to make the best use of modern methods. The information gained is made known by means of lectures and films and by articles in the industry's technical papers.

Now, about this question of wheelbarrows. We have all seen these useful, if medieval, contraptions being pushed about on a building site. Well, the research men thought they could do better with a power barrow, so they designed one and built it in The Thatched Barn workshops. The idea was taken up by a manufacturer and a version of it is now on the market.

It has a three-wheel chassis mounted on pneumatic tyres and driven by a 2.4 h.p. petrol engine. The skip, which holds the load, has a capacity of eight cubic feet and can carry anything that can be put on an ordinary barrow.

The man in charge walks either behind or at the side, with one or both hands on a steering wheel. The power barrow can turn in a six-foot roadway and moves backwards as well as forwards at just over two miles an hour. To stop it the driver just takes his hand off the steering wheel, the engine slows down, and the brake is automatically applied. For dumping its load, the skip tips forward on the end of its chassis.

The new power barrow is a very useful invention for handling concrete as it allows a smaller gang of men to give a higher output every day. So it is a money-saver.

ANOTHER device produced at the Research Station is one for handling bricks and passing them quickly and safely from the stockpile to the bricklayer.

A wooden platform, or palette, is loaded up with 166 bricks of standard size stacked in six tiers, and over them is placed a cage of wire mesh. When this load, which weighs seven hundredweight, is hung in a chain sling and hoisted by crane not a single brick can fall.

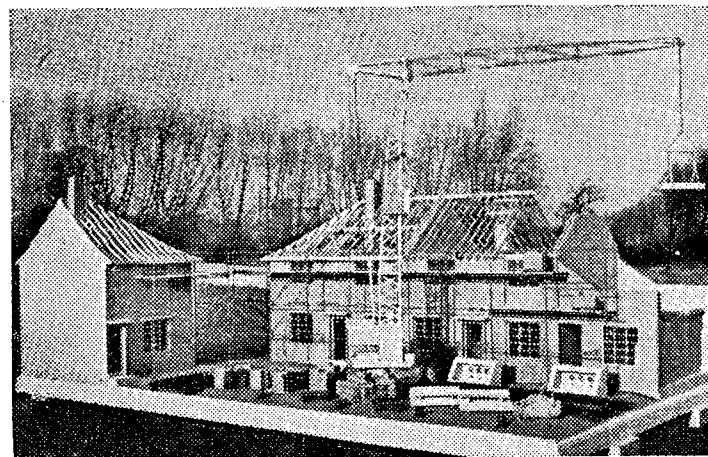
ONE of the greatest improvements for the quicker building of houses is the tower crane.

When a row of houses is to be put up or, say, a group of homes built in a rectangle or other close shape, much time is wasted by bricks, cement, or timber having to be fetched, as wanted, from dumps some distance away.

Using the tower crane, a rail track is laid along or around the inside of the site. The crane has its own motor which can move it up or down the track, keeping the men constantly supplied, at any height they may be working, with the materials they need.

If a sharp corner has to be turned where one wing of houses meets another the crane fetches its own turntable, lays it down in the right spot, is driven on to it and easily turned round.

Experiments in the use of small-size tower cranes for building



A model of houses built at Norwich and also of the tower crane which helped to speed up construction

Reproduced by courtesy of the Director of Building Research

dwelling houses were thought out and made at the Research Station. They resulted in a planned cycle of operations which was afterwards carried out and proved successful on a municipal housing estate at Norwich.

It was shown that the tower crane reduced the number of man-hours needed to build a house, up to the roofed-in stage, from 1300 to 700. Roofs, made in sections elsewhere, could be brought to the site in units and hoisted directly into place for fitting.

Do you know how much your house weighs?

The weight of materials in a pair of typical semi-detached houses each of 950 square feet floor area is about 286 tons. But because much of the material has first to be unloaded near the site and then carried piecemeal to where it is wanted the weight actually handled is a good deal greater.

When the weight of water mixed into the cement to make concrete is added it will be found that the builder has handled just about double the original weight of materials. This is just one of the factors that research experts have to consider when they plan new methods and machines.

Among new gadgets for the house-builder there are "guns"

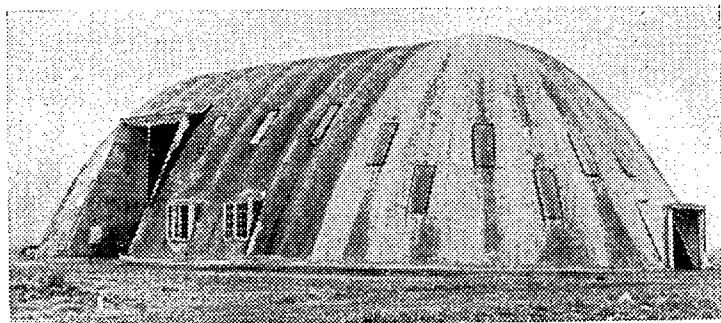
which drive pins or studs into walls, floors, and ceilings by being fired with a .22 cartridge. Such explosive-action tools are very useful for fixing electric junction boxes, metal partitions, and so on.

Safety devices prevent the guns from being accidentally fired and causing injury. They only operate when the muzzle is pressed against a wall or other surface.

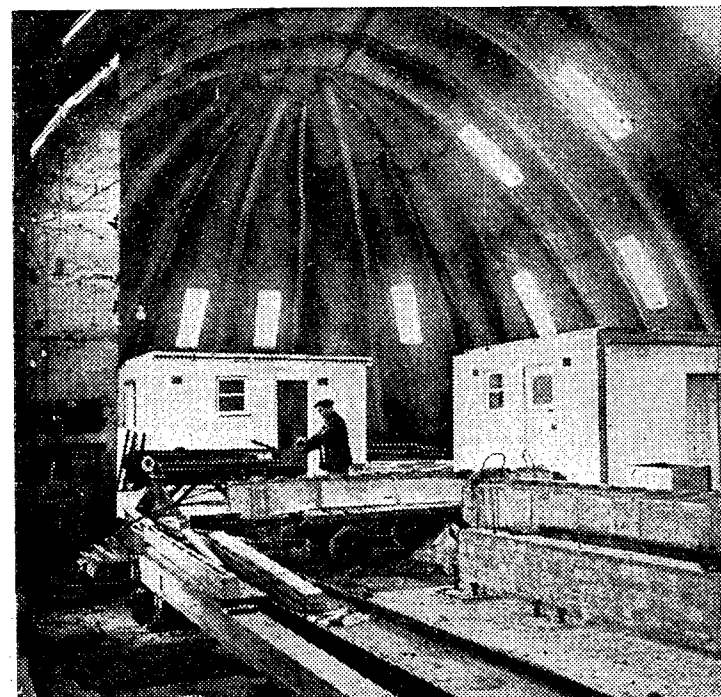
Thousands of people pass The Thatched Barn every day of the week. Yet very few realise the important part the research workers there are playing in the task of providing the people of Britain with cheaper and better houses.



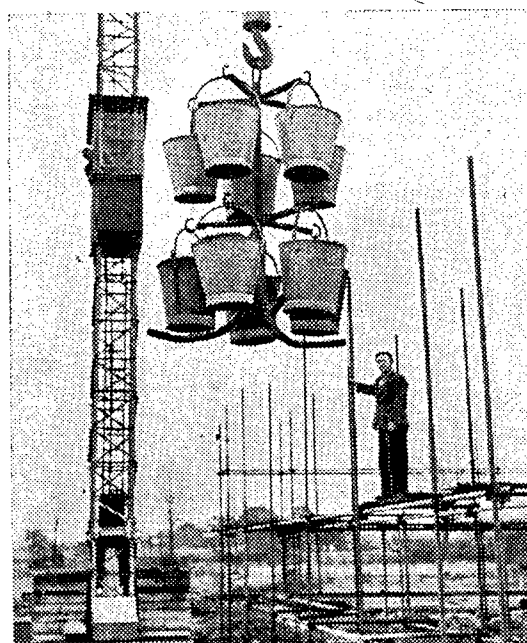
A "gun" for driving pins and studs into walls, floors, and so on



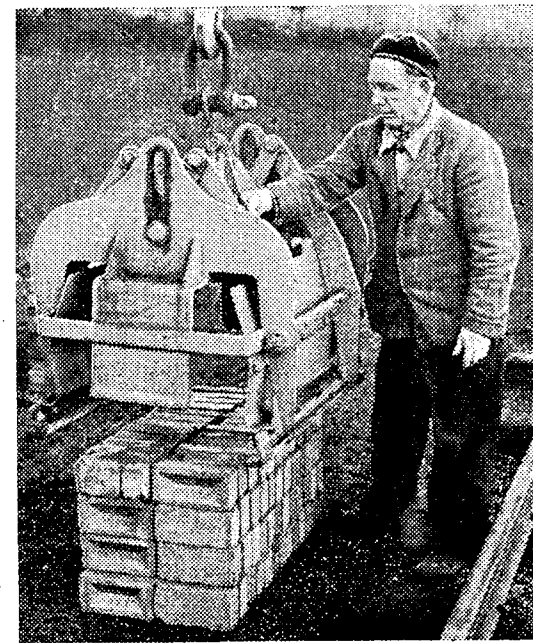
A "Ctesiphon" building, made of reinforced concrete



The interior of a "Ctesiphon", used as a workshop at the Building Research Station



A crane hoisting an attachment which carries ten pails of building materials



Checking a mechanical grab which can carry 98 bricks at a time

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MORE BLESSED TO GIVE

WHEN we are very young it seems an odd notion that attending to the wants of others can be more satisfying than seeking to enjoy oneself; just as odd as the idea that giving presents can bring greater happiness than receiving them. But as we grow older most of us discover that this is so.

It is one of the eternal truths, and it is one which was underlined recently by the Archbishop of Canterbury, in an address to nurses.

"The reason for the shortage of nurses, teachers, and clergy," he said, "is not that the conditions in these professions are hard—as indeed some of them are—but simply that people have forgotten that it is only in these professions that the real happiness of service can be attained. People are running about seeking happiness and forgetting the conditions which make happiness."

We may not agree with the Archbishop that such happiness is to be attained only in those three professions—it is to be found in many other walks of life. But we have all known men and women whose lives were shining illustrations of the great truth that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

In service to others we may all find contentment and live the full life.

TOP OF THE CLASS

BEFORE long we shall all see a new Road Safety poster drawn by a 12-year-old Glasgow schoolgirl, Rosemary Rennie.

Rosemary has won a poster competition in which there were 8000 entries from children, and her picture shows a comically anxious dog standing at the pavement's edge—"Paws" at the Kerb.

The competition was announced on Children's Television while Rosemary was at home recovering from tonsillitis, and she decided to enter just for something to do. She never dreamed that she had the slightest chance of coming anywhere near the top.

This, perhaps, was natural for a girl who had not long before worked her way up to the second from the bottom place in her form at school; and it was not surprising that Rosemary thought someone was playing a joke on her when a wire arrived saying she had won.

But it was true. She was Top of the Class this time—top of a class of 8000!

Garden Lovers

SOME four years ago a Garden Lovers' League was formed among the children of Prestwich, Lancashire. Today it has 2000 members, all of whom have signed a pledge to love and protect growing things.

In the early days of the scheme the promoters were often ridiculed. "Boys will be boys," it was said. "They will always climb trees, pull up plants, and make themselves a nuisance to the gardening community."

However, things have not worked out like that at Prestwich. Hundreds of boys are members of this league, and they not only enjoy tending their own plants and displaying their prize blooms in the local show, they also have a wholesome respect for those of their neighbours.

The Editor's Table

Robot Cratchit

ON view at the Business Efficiency Exhibition held at Leeds was a Scottish robot electric automatic book-keeping machine which has been christened Bob Cratchit.

Strange to think that another Bob Cratchit should be in our midst, and working for a wage even smaller than that of Scrooge's grossly underpaid clerk.

Atlantic pioneers



This memorial to Sir John Alcock and Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, first men to fly the Atlantic, is to stand temporarily at London Airport. They crossed from Newfoundland to Ireland in June 1919 in a Vickers-Vimy bomber. The story of this historic flight is to be made into a film.

Gratitude

A CONTRIBUTION of 500,000 German marks (about £40,000) arrived not long ago at the headquarters of the United Nations Children's Fund as a contribution from the West German Federal Republic. It was the third contribution made by the Republic since 1950.

In this way Germany is repaying the assistance received from Unicef from 1948 to 1952 when the Fund sent supplies for an anti-rickets campaign, raw materials for clothing and shoes, supplies for handicapped children, and general medical assistance.

Think on These Things

WHEN misfortune overtook King David and he had to flee into exile, a man named Shimei insulted him and threw stones at him as he passed (Second Book of Samuel, chapter 16).

After a while David returned victoriously to his kingdom; and among those who then came to him, seeking favours, was Shimei. He cringed before David, begging forgiveness.

The king's captains would have slain him, but David ordered his life to be saved. He readily forgave the man who had wronged him.

It is easy to bear a grudge and take revenge when the chance occurs. He who is truly strong can forgive his enemies. F. P.

THE ORDINARY ONES

TWENTY pupils of the Hutton Secondary School, Bradford, have been rewarded for their discovery of £1000 worth of gold and silver coins in an old farmhouse at Eccleshill.

At the presentation, the chairman of the Board of School Governors, Mrs. Alice Barber, said: "It gave me a feeling of pride, on hearing of their action in handing the money to their headmaster, that among the ordinary youngsters of Bradford—the future citizens of Bradford—they should have shown themselves so well on an occasion like this."

Well done, and well said! And what a pleasant change to find "ordinary youngsters" in the news for once, instead of the delinquents—the "extraordinary" ones.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, March 15, 1924

WIRELESS is going to banish the tedium of long railway journeys. That was proved by recent tests with a six-valve set on Great Western expresses between London and Birmingham.

The aerial was 50 feet of wire suspended a foot below the roof of a brake van, and upon this, while the train rocked along at nearly 80 miles an hour, the broadcasting stations in London, Birmingham, Bournemouth, and Cardiff were received strongly enough to operate a loudspeaker, and Aberdeen and Manchester were heard clearly.

If this can be done it will not be long before the saloon cars of long-distance trains are equipped with loudspeakers and telephones will be hung in the compartments of Pullman cars.

Spring's greeting

SEE the land, her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose;
Seeds so long in darkness sleeping
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above rejoices,
Fields and garlands hail the Spring.
Shaugh and woodlands ring
With voices
While the wild birds build and sing.

Charles Kingsley

THEY SAY . . .

THE common British and American experiences during the Second World War and since make for a solidarity that is real, and the clamour of certain conspicuous individuals on both sides of the Atlantic should never cause us to forget the millions of silent, friendly people in the side streets who will never forget what we have meant and can mean to each other when the going gets rough.

Mr. Cabot Lodge, American delegate to the United Nations

MEN and women in every country are coming back to the realisation that if the world is going to survive, the greatest need is not more and better machines, but better men.

Mr. Hamilton Kerr, M.P.

I HAVE always been a great believer, not only in the enjoyment of work, but in the capacity of most work to give enjoyment.

Mr. Charles Bates, Printer to Oxford University

I HAVE known some summaries, orally delivered, which were longer than the originals.

Mr. Speaker Morrison

Out and About

TWO of our most welcome winter visitors among the birds, the redwing and the fieldfare, will be departing soon to parts of Scandinavia and other northern lands. But while many winter visitors leave us between now and May, the flood of summer visitors is beginning, and will go on until midsummer.

One early and attractive arrival may be seen in the counties near the Channel, flitting and bobbing about from fence to field, from field to hedge. It is the cheerful wheatear. Not only its call, "chac-chac-chac" which some people confuse with that of the stonechat, but the way it jerks its tail and shows a white rump makes the rambler aware of it.

The wheatears are usually to be seen in scores for a time in the territory they have just occupied, before they move farther northward into Britain.

Flocks of wheatears will keep arriving from the south for several weeks yet. C. D. D.

JUST AN IDEA

As Dr. Talmage said: There is more religion in a laugh than in a groan.

Under the Editor's Table

We should adapt our clothes to the weather, says a doctor. Or better still, to ourselves.

The average Briton is used to draughts. Makes game of them.

Cows are a problem on a busy road. Motorists find themselves on the horns of a dilemma.

Doctors do not know everything, says a writer. Most of them know that.

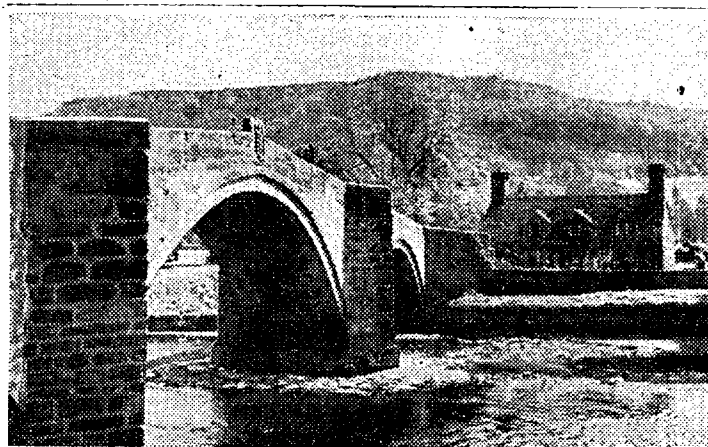
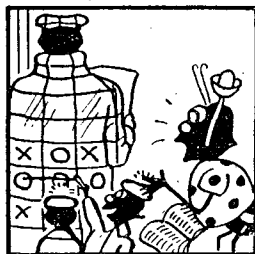
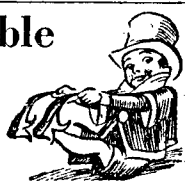
BILLY BEETLE

PETER PUCK WANTS TO KNOW

If conceited people have vain hopes

Two Frenchmen dived two and a half miles into the ocean. Must have felt all at sea.

The latest shoes fit like a glove, says a fashion writer. Handy for the feet.



OUR HOMELAND

The bridge across the Conway at Llanrwst, Denbighshire

DURHAM SCHOOL'S TRIBUTE TO A FAMOUS MASTER

A TABLE with a mouse running up the leg will shortly be placed in the library of Durham School. It will remind the boys of a former master who later became famous as the novelist and playwright Ian Hay.

Ian Hay, whose real name was John Hay Beith, was a master at Durham School from 1902 to 1906. His play, *Housemaster*, undoubtedly owed a great deal to his experiences as a schoolteacher, just as his war novel, *The First Hundred Thousand*, was drawn from his own life as a soldier in the early days of the First World War.

Recently the Old Boys of Durham School decided to provide a gift for the school library in memory of Ian Hay's work and outstanding gifts as a teacher.

FROM AN OLD BOY

Canon Percival Hedley, Vicar of Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, and one of the Old Boys who was in his Form, has said: "It was an unforgettable experience to be taught by Ian Hay. He made everything so intensely interesting. His subjects were science and English literature, and he made them live and glow."

The memorial table with the mouse carved in the oak leg is the work of a famous North Country craftsman, Robert Thompson, of Kilburn, near Thirsk, North Yorkshire.

During the past 50 years Mr. Thompson has become known in many parts of the world as The Mouse Man, because every piece of furniture which is made at Kilburn has the mouse carved on it.

Mr. Thompson lives in a fine old timbered house in this attractive Yorkshire village, and close by are his workshops where he and his band of woodcarvers maintain the fine tradition of English craftsmanship.

HIS JOKE

He chose this as his "mark" 38 years ago. As a joke he carved his first mouse after hearing a workman use the phrase "as poor as a church mouse."

Ever since then furniture with this mark has gone to churches, private houses, and hotels in places as far apart as Washington, Jerusalem, and South Africa. Every piece is made by hand in English oak.

Recently a letter arrived from Sydney, Australia, with a mouse drawn on the envelope, and the address, "Woodcarver, York, England." The Post Office duly delivered it to Mr. Thompson's home at Kilburn.

FIGHTING THE ICEBERGS

The International Ice Patrol is once again preparing for its busy season. In the Spring great mountains of ice begin to break off from the ice masses of the Polar regions and travel southwards into the North Atlantic shipping lanes.

From now until July the fast cutters of the Ice Patrol will be continuously moving in the ice lanes, noting the presence of dangerous bergs, plotting their position, and immediately passing on the information to shipping. Planes, too, help in this work.

Before the invention of radar and when there was no organised system of ice detection, icebergs took a heavy toll of shipping, the most tragic example being the loss of the *Titanic* in 1912. Since then only one ship has been sunk by an iceberg—and that was during the war when the service was suspended.

FROM GREENLAND'S GLACIERS

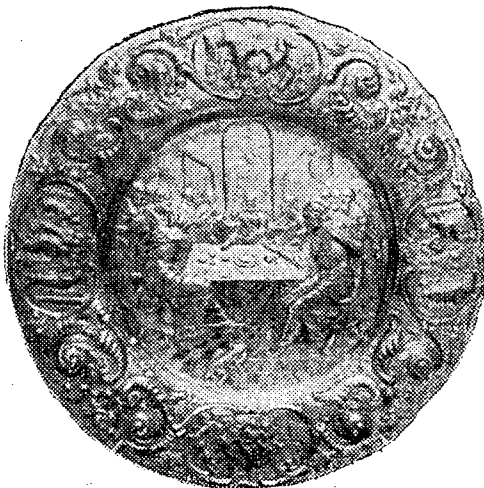
Greenland is the source of the icebergs in the North Atlantic. As the warmer weather arrives the tail-ends of the glaciers break off or "calve" and begin a voyage which in the case of the larger specimens may last for three years before they finally melt. In that time they may travel up to 2000 miles.

Some bergs are of enormous size. One L-shaped mass observed in 1860 by a grain ship was estimated to extend 53 miles along one arm and 30 miles along the other. Usually such masses break into smaller icebergs before they reach the main shipping routes.

The great danger from all icebergs is the nine-tenths of their bulk that lies invisible under the surface. Jagged edges protrude far out underwater from the visible berg—a constant menace to any ship that ventures near one of these giant "growlers," as the icebergs are called.

To help skippers to give icebergs a wide berth the men of the International Ice Patrol maintain their vigilant and unceasing search of our northern waters, ever on the alert for signs of these ghostly giants of the Atlantic.

ROYAL TREASURES



The exhibition of Royal plate from Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle is attracting much attention at the Victoria and Albert Museum in South Kensington.

At this exhibition, which is open until April 19, the public are

On the Royal Route

From an Australian correspondent

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are now in Queensland, and during the next few days will visit various parts of the State from Brisbane, the capital, a fine city on the threshold of the tropics.

Queensland is Australia's second largest State, and is over seven times the size of Britain. It has a warm climate and its farmers cultivate great quantities of bananas, pineapples, and other tropical fruit. But their most valuable crop is sugar cane, from which they supply sugar to all Australia and the south-west Pacific.

Brisbane, the heart of this rich land, has a population approaching half a million. Although the city is 15 miles from the sea, it is a port; ocean-going vessels come up the winding river, which has to be kept continually dredged. Australians call it a city built on 70 hills, and it is also one of sunshine and flowers. Roses bloom there all the year round and the streets are gay with flowering trees.

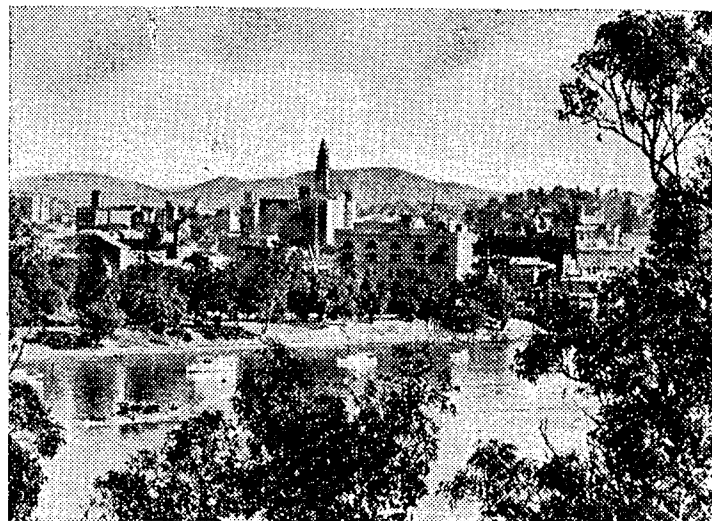
LOYAL GREETING

At the cricket ground, scene of many a thrilling Test Match, the Queen and the Duke will be greeted by thousands of children on Wednesday afternoon, March 10. The Queen will be particularly happy there, as she always is among children.

Next day the Royal visitors will fly out to Bundaberg and Toowoomba.

Bundaberg is the centre of the largest cane growing district in South Queensland. The citizens are justly proud of their first-class roads, which stretch for miles through the canefields. Toowoomba is Queensland's second largest town, but it is a long way behind Brisbane, having a population of only about 38,600. It stands on the crest of the Darling Downs, 84 miles west of Brisbane, and it serves a farming and dairying area famed for its fertility and wealth. The wheat and wool produced on

SUNNY QUEENSLAND



Brisbane's skyline seen from across the river

the Downs pass through Toowoomba.

On Friday, March 12, the tireless young Queen and her husband fly north from Brisbane to Townsville, the chief town of the vast province of North Queensland. A seaport through which much of this region's products are exported—notably sugar, wool, meat, sheep, cattle, and minerals—it is a handsome town with wide, garden-bordered streets. After a wild welcome here lasting about two hours, the Royal visitors will embark in the *Gothic* for Cairns, a sugar port farther north.

NAMED BY COOK

Cairns is built on a narrow coastal plain along the shore of Trinity Bay. It was thus named by Captain Cook, whose ship, the *Endeavour*, was the first to anchor in this beautiful bay. Now it has a population of 20,000 hardworking folk who enjoy pleasant winters with temperatures between 65 and 70 degrees, but who have to endure hot humid summers. For Cairns is on the edge of the heaviest rainfall belt in the State.

The Queen and the Duke are due to leave Cairns in the *Gothic* on Saturday, March 13, to spend a restful weekend, admiring the wonders and beauties of Australia's unique natural feature, the Great Barrier Reef.

This vast expanse of coral reef and islets, which stretches for 1200 miles down the Queensland coast, is the biggest formation of its kind in the world. It is a maze of coral banks which in places are 45 miles wide, and which lie from seven to 70 miles out from the mainland.

Along its length there is a chain of over 500 islands. Near the reef, glass-bottomed boats are used to enable visitors to see the ever-changing colours of the coral, and the darting tropical fish.

On Monday, March 15, they will leave this wonderland to visit two more sugar ports on the mainland, Mackay and Rockhampton. Mackay is a place of sugar mills.

TROPICAL BEAUTY

Rockhampton is rich in tropical beauty, and has botanic gardens which are among the best in Australia. From here the Queen and the Duke will fly back to Brisbane and remain there until the following Thursday, when they will bid farewell to Queensland and fly to South Australia.

Everywhere they will find more evidence of what the Queen has called: "the great qualities of my people, qualities which have shown themselves through labours manfully performed, duties courageously done by men and women, sorrows sustained and happiness earned."

BUTTERFLIES FROM BOUGAINVILLE

Last year the CN told its readers about the Boy Scouts of the mountainous island of Bougainville, which is near the Equator in the south-west Pacific Ocean.

These dark-skinned lads under the direction of Assistant-Scoutmaster Murray Joyce, whose father has been a missionary in Bougainville for many years, offered to send parcels of butterflies and sea shells in return for gifts to enable them to buy uniform and badges. The appeal went all round the world.

Scoutmaster Joyce has now reported that his Scout Company received £65 in Australian currency for their catch (Bougainville is administered by Australia).

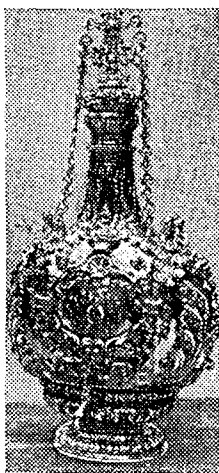
Huge butterflies, magnificently coloured, were caught by the

Scouts in the Buin district of South Bougainville and sent in parcels to supporters all over the world. The sea shells came from neighbouring islands better supplied than Bougainville.

There are over 30 Scouts in the First Bougainville Company. Their ages vary from the middle teens to the early twenties, and they have all received a good education at Methodist Mission schools.

Mr. Joyce says the Scouts' chief recreation is Soccer. So he has obtained some Soccer balls, which, of course, are a novelty in this tropical island.

Butterflies from Bougainville have gone round the world, and the Boy Scouts who caught them are proudly wearing their well-earned uniforms and badges.



seeing these treasures for the first time in history. We show two pieces from the great collection; left, a gilt altar dish of 1664, depicting the Last Supper; and a gilt wine fountain of about 1710, to which much of the ornamentation was added a century later.

PARLIAMENT OF YOUTH

In Winnipeg each year, Canadian boys and girls from eight to 14 can be elected mayors or aldermen. Also, each year, youths of 15 and over can be members of parliament for four days.

The boys and girls are chosen as part of Winnipeg's summer playground programme. At each of 30 park playgrounds they choose their own councils and mayors, are instructed on their duties by playground supervisors, and hold meetings in the open air.

All the mayors and aldermen chosen (about 200 each summer) are taken to the City Hall and presented with badges of office by the mayor of Winnipeg, who then takes them on a tour of the building and talks to them on the duties of citizenship.

The youths who become M.P.s come from all parts of Manitoba, including Winnipeg. They are selected by Scout troops, church groups, youth clubs, the Y.M.C.A., and other organisations.

LOVE ADULT

For 32 years the youth parliament of 60 "members" has been held in the Manitoba provincial parliament building. Only one adult, who is chosen by the "M.P.s," takes part in the four days of debate. He is appointed to act as "lieutenant-governor," who opens the proceedings—as in the Canadian House of Commons—by reading the speech from the throne.

This young parliament also has a speaker, a prime minister and cabinet ministers, and a leader of the opposition.

YOUNG BRADMAN'S TRIUMPH

Sir Donald Bradman's 14-year-old son John, playing for his Adelaide college, scored his first cricket century.

This was a great personal triumph for John, for it was only last year that he recovered from infantile paralysis.

Steps to Sporting Fame



It is not often that an athlete sets up records at the age of 45, but that has been so in the case of that phenomenal long distance runner from South Africa, Wally Hayward.



Hayward, a native of Johannesburg, did no running until he was 18. At 21 he won the famous Comrades Marathon, run in alternate years from Pietermaritzburg to Durban and Durban to Pietermaritzburg—a distance of 54 miles over hilly country.

Wally Hayward



This appeared to be the end of his career, because a medical examination revealed a strained heart. About a year later, however, a second examination showed Wally to be fit to return and he went on to win the Comrades Marathon three more times.



Last year he spent a holiday in England and set up a new record for the London to Brighton run. He followed with a new record for the Bath to London run (100 miles) of 12 hrs. 20m. 28s., and in November, at Mottspur Park, ran 159 miles 562 yds. in 24 hours.

ELECTRONIC CLERK

A new electronic calculator installed by J. Lyons and Company, is claimed to be the first all-purpose commercial machine of its kind to be used anywhere in the world. Leo is its name, from the initials of Lyons Electronic Office.

Leo can work out the payroll for 1700 men in less than an hour, no mean feat when one considers the varying items: National Insurance, income tax and pension deduction, holiday pay, National Savings, and others.

Leo does not exactly count on its fingers, but it does the sums without a sigh and prints the payslips simultaneously. It also delights in ledger keeping, stores control, invoicing, and so on.

Occasionally Leo is a bit off colour, and then the engineers investigate its 5000 valves to find "where the pain is." These little troubles, however, can usually be put right in a matter of minutes.

Leo relieves the company's clerks of much arithmetical drudgery, enabling them to undertake the more intelligent task of interpreting figures, instead of the duller job of preparing them.

CANADA'S FORESTS

The area covered by Canada's forestland, 1,300,000 square miles, is exceeded only by Brazil and Russia, outside the tropics. This and other facts about the Dominion's great timber trade were given recently by her Minister of Resources and Development.

About one Canadian in every 14 is directly dependent upon forestry and its products, which account for 15 per cent in value of Canada's total industrial production.

The pulp and paper trade, which is, of course, the great user of forestry products, uses one-third of the electric power generated for industry—and Canada is the second largest producer of hydro-electric power in the world.

Over 90 per cent of Canada's forests are owned by the nation.

THE FIRST LOCOMOTIVE TO RUN ON RAILS

The Stockton and Darlington Railway was the world's first passenger line. Its historic opening was on September 27, 1825, when a train of 34 vehicles was drawn from Shildon to Darlington and then on to Stockton by an engine driven by George Stephenson. It was preceded by a signalman on horseback, and drew a load of nearly 90 tons at an average speed of ten to twelve miles an hour.

That was the beginning of the first passenger railway. But the first trials of a steam locomotive on rails came earlier—at the beginning of 1804, just 150 years ago. This was at Penydarren, near Merthyr Tydfil, and the locomotive was one designed by Richard Trevithick, who at the time was engineer to the Penydarren iron works.

The locomotive had a single cylinder mounted in front of the chimney, a big flywheel on one side of the boiler, and a series of gears.

When the demonstration run was made, some days after the first trials, a load of five wagons was pulled. They contained ten tons of bar iron, and carried 70 passengers.

The rails ran from the ironworks to the Glamorganshire canal, a distance of rather more than nine miles, and the locomotive pulled the wagons along this distance at speeds of up to five miles an hour.

Soon after this Trevithick wrote to a friend and reported further progress. "We have tried the carriage with 25 tons of iron and found we were more than a match for the weight."

Alas, the rails were not a match for the weight. They proved unequal to the strain and in July 1804 the engine was taken to work a hammer mill.

Trevithick gave a further famous demonstration of this means of locomotion on rails laid in Euston Square, London, when the rails again broke and the engine overturned, he gave up the project and after that had little to do with this form of progress.

It was the "Puffing Billies" of William Hedley, and the "Timothy's Dillies" of Timothy Harkworth, which carried on the work, near Newcastle-upon-Tyne; and it was these engines, in turn, which paved the way for the great George Stephenson, and for the Stockton and Darlington Railway which was the parent of all the world's railways.

CLASSROOMS ON THE MOVE

The shortage of classrooms in the West Riding of Yorkshire is being met by prefabricated wooden ones which can be erected in a day and moved quickly to other sites as needed.

Designed by the West Riding county architect, the classrooms accommodate some 40 pupils and are equipped with a heater.

THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO—Alexandre Dumas' famous story told in pictures (4)



Edmond could not stifle a shrill cry as he hit the water. As the metal ball dragged him down, he ripped open the shroud with his knife, but he was nearly suffocated by the time he had cut the cord round his legs. He shot to the surface and gulped in air. Then, fearing the men on Château d'If had heard his cry, he swam under water as long as he could. When he thought he was out of sight, he struck out on the surface.



He reached a barren islet where, at dawn, he saw a vessel and swam towards it. Safely on board, he said he was a shipwrecked Maltese seaman, and that he had vowed not to cut his hair until that day! His rescuers, who were smugglers, believed him, and were glad to have in their crew such a good sailor as he proved to be. He learned that the date was 1829. Fourteen years had passed since he was first imprisoned!



The vessel went to Leghorn, where Edmond at once visited a barber. He rejoiced when, later, his friends sailed to the uninhabited island of Monte Cristo to meet other smugglers. Making the excuse that he was going to shoot wild goats, he began searching for the grotto where Faria had said the treasure was hidden. In terrible anxiety he wondered whether the whole story was simply the old Abbé's crazy dream.



But hope sprang in his heart when he found marks on the rocks like those described by Faria. Realising he would need more time to search, he rolled down a steep rock in view of the smugglers and pretended he was injured. He knew they had to sail soon, and he begged them to leave him here and return for him later. But they had taken a fancy to him, and were unwilling to leave him alone on this desolate island.

Will Edmond be left to search undisturbed for the treasure? See next week's instalment

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ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

The Linbury Court School cricket teams are invited to watch a match at the county ground. Just after this news is announced, Jennings demonstrates a cricket stroke to Darbshire, using a black-board duster in place of a ball. At that moment Mr. Wilkins enters the classroom.

3. Autograph for Darbshire

As Mr. Wilkins opened the door of the classroom, the duster struck him full in the face, and he found himself choking and gasping in a blinding blizzard of chalk dust as thick as a snow-storm on the South Col of Mount Everest.

For some moments Jennings and Darbshire stared at the blizzard-bound master in speechless dismay. Mr. Wilkins, also, remained silent, but only because his nose and throat were so full of chalk dust that speech was out of the question. At last he found his voice.

"Jennings! . . . I've had just about enough of your nonsense for one day. I came in here to find you because you've left the corridor swimming ankle-deep in bat oil; and as soon as I open the door you start bombarding me with chalky dusters full of dusty chalk dust."

He glared at the boys through the white powdery pall and held

out his hand for the bat. "Give that to me, Jennings. I warned you I should confiscate it if I found you using it indoors. And as a further punishment, you can stay behind on Friday instead of coming to Dunhambury with us."

The room swam before Jennings' eyes, and a cold, empty feeling gripped him in the pit of the stomach. Not go to the match! . . . This was tragedy! This was the end of everything!



Mr. Wilkins found himself choking and gasping in a blinding blizzard

In a daze of disappointment and despair he handed the bat to Mr. Wilkins, and went off to continue his mopping-up operations in the corridor.

Oddly enough, it was Mr. Carter who came to the boy's rescue and persuaded Mr. Wilkins to change his mind.

"I wish you'd give him some other form of punishment, Wilkins," he remarked after supper that evening, when his colleague had finished recounting the disasters of the afternoon. "You see, it was entirely due to Jennings and Darbshire that General Merri-dew suggested this treat for the teams. He'd be most disappointed if he knew that one of his young friends wasn't going to be among those present."

Change of heart

Mr. Wilkins pondered the matter. He had, by this time, discovered that Venables had been the real culprit of the crime in the corridor, and this further remark of Mr. Carter's caused him to look at things in a different light. For Mr. Wilkins' brusque manner served to camouflage a heart of gold.

Admittedly, the gold had worn thin in places, and was so well hidden that few people knew of its existence. But it was there, and at unexpected moments it revealed itself in little acts of kindness. It did so then . . . After all, he had no wish to offend General Merri-dew.

"I'll give the boy a fair chance, then," he decided at length. "I'll set him a dozen sums in arithmetic, and if he's finished them before we start on Friday, he can come, too."

Jennings was overjoyed when told of his reprieve. He curbed his desire to flap his fingers and hop from foot to foot in delighted glee, for a glance at Mr. Wilkins' stern features warned him that it would be more fitting to assume an air of solemn penitence.

"Thank you, sir. Thank you very much, sir. Thank you very much indeed, sir," he breathed in tones of heartfelt gratitude. "I'll get all the sums right before the bus goes—you see, sir!"

All the same, it was touch and go. And it was not until midday on Friday when the two masters were lining up the boys on quad, that Jennings finished the last obstinate problem and was allowed to join the party.

The players were having lunch in the pavilion when the Linbury boys reached the county cricket ground. Sussex had been batting all morning against a M.C.C. team, and were approaching the "hundred up" in their second innings for the loss of three wickets. R. J. Findlater, who also played for England, was next on the batting list, and Darbshire lost no time in hurrying along to the pavilion to obtain the great man's autograph.

"Leave your book"

At the top of the steps his way was barred by an official-looking gentleman in a shiny peaked cap; on a bench beside him were some dozen autograph books of all colours and sizes.

"Good morning! Is Mr. R. J. Findlater in, please?" Darbshire inquired politely.

"Not yet. He's going in next wicket down," the man replied.

"No; I meant is he at home to callers, as you might say?" Darbshire explained. "You see, I've brought my autograph book, and I've got six pink pages left specially blank for famous sporting characters."

"Well, you can't see him now; he's having his lunch," came the answer. "If you like to leave your book with me and call back later, I'll see if I can get him to sign it for you."

"Coo, thanks awfully; that's jolly decent of you," Darbshire prattled happily, as his book was added to the pile awaiting signature. "Just his initials and name will do, but if he really wants to write something like, say, for instance, 'by hook or by crook I'll be last in your book' all he's got to do is to rub out Jennings' signature on the last page and . . ."

Memorable afternoon

The detailed instructions were wasted on the official-looking gentleman. In his opinion, boys with autograph books were a nuisance, and not much to be encouraged.

It was a perfect day for cricket; and after lunch Findlater delighted the crowd with a brilliant innings which reached treble figures before he was caught at the wicket.

All afternoon long, Jennings and Darbshire sat on the grass discussing each scoring stroke and absorbing every detail of the play. This, they decided, was a half-holiday they would never forget.

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This week the CN Astronomer writes about the...

CELESTIAL SICKLE

THE constellation of Leo, the celestial Lion of the ancients, is now well placed for observation of an evening, being only a little south-east of overhead between seven and eight o'clock.

The fore part of this constellation, which is shown in the accompanying star-map, is of interest just now owing to the presence of Pluto, the outermost planet of the Solar System.

It will be seen from the map that these six bright stars of Leo are arranged in a form suggesting a sickle, hence its popular name, Sickle of Leo. It can be immediately recognised by the bright first-magnitude star Regulus at the tip of the Handle.

Regulus, which means Little King, is one of the four Royal Stars of the ancient astronomers. In their days it was one of the most famous stars, because the Sun when at its highest in the sky appeared very near to it.

WHITE-HOT SUN

Regulus, also known as Alpha Leonis, is a brilliant, white-hot sun. It radiates about 90 times more light and heat than our Sun but from four million times as far, the light from Regulus taking about 64 years to reach us. Its diameter is calculated to be nearly three times that of our Sun, and its surface more than twice as hot, averaging about 12,500 centigrade.

Regulus possesses what appears to be a smaller "companion" sun of about 8½ magnitude which radiates only about one-third of the amount of light of our Sun.

Round this companion Sun a much smaller body revolves; apparently it is a "flaming planet"

which will be a world long ages hence. At present it radiates some 500 times less light than our Sun.

Of the other stars of the Sickle, Gamma is of great interest because it is composed of two suns which may be easily seen through a small astronomical telescope. One is a sun of 2.6 magnitude and is of a golden tint, and the other, of 3.8 magnitude, is of a greenish hue.

The great sun of Gamma radiates about 72 times more light than our Sun, and the smaller one 25 times more, but from a distance 6,266,000 times farther.

Epsilon, appearing at the tip of the imaginary Sickle, is a sun so immense that it radiates about 190 times more light than our Sun. Its light takes 204 years to reach us.

Still more immense is Zeta, whose light takes 360 years to reach us. The much smaller sun Mu is 171 light-years distant.

The little, remote world Pluto is apparently situated within the Sickle in the spot indicated by an X on the star-map. It requires a powerful telescope to reveal it—a world reflecting the light of our Sun from the immense distance of 3200 million miles.

Pluto is only about half the size of our world but its average weight and density is eight or nine times greater than that of the Earth! It was discovered 24 years ago this week by Dr. V. M. Slipher in Arizona. G. F. M.

NEW NAME ON THE MOON

A crater on the Moon is to be named after Mr. Ronald Clarkson, secretary of the Ipswich and District Astronomical Society.

An amateur astronomer for nearly 30 years, he gets this official recognition by the British Astronomical Association for the many sketches and notes he has compiled on astronomy with the aid of his 6½-inch telescope.

LOCOMOTIVE'S 152 M.P.H.

An electric locomotive of French National Railways reached a speed of 243 kilometres (about 152 miles) an hour on the Paris-Lyons line. This is claimed as a world train speed record, but the load consisted of only three coaches.

Headpiece

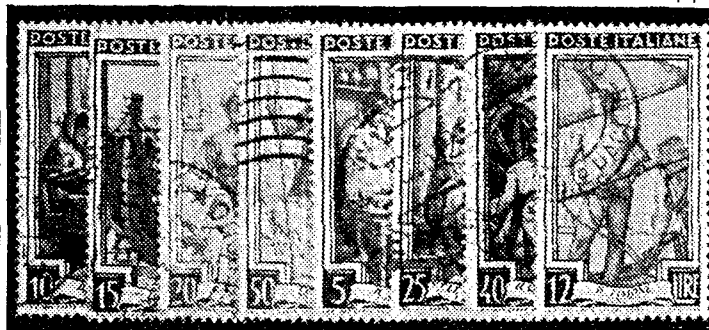
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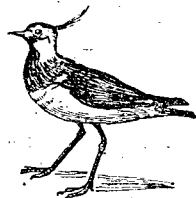
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Answer next week

Spot the . . .

LAPWING as he wheels and tumbles through the air in the wake of the plough. The long, rounded wings and flapping flight are unmistakable.

Lapwings, peewits, or green plovers—they are known by all three names—appear to be black and white birds when seen from a distance, but their backs and crests are green, with a metallic sheen of purplish-bronze. These birds destroy hosts of pests, including insects, slugs, wire-worms, snails, and leatherjackets.



As Spring approaches the flocks break up and birds pair. A slight depression in the ground serves for a nest, and four eggs are laid, their mottled colouring making them merge with the surroundings.

BEDTIME CORNER

Billy's treasure hunt

As Billy went out into the garden to get his ball he saw Daddie digging.

"Are you digging for buried treasure?" he asked with a grin.

"Yes," said Daddie. "Why don't you come and help me? You might find some yourself."

Billy did not need asking twice. It was not that he expected to find any treasure, but to be able to dig in all that earth!

He picked up a fork and started. But it was harder work than he had thought and he was glad when Mummie called him in and he could have a rest.

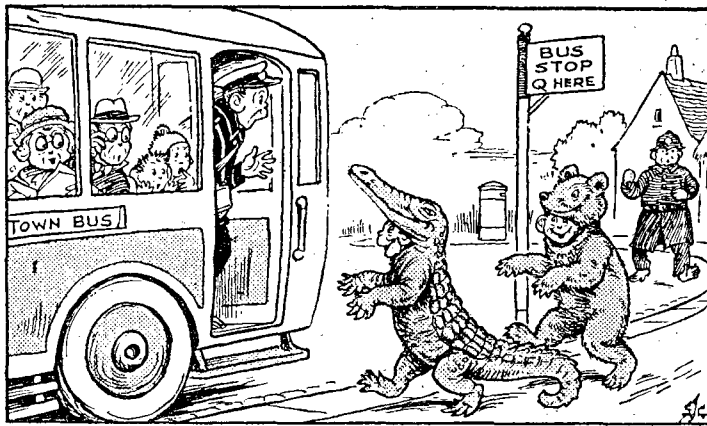
As he returned Daddie said: "Come on, Billy. There's that treasure to be found."

Billy set to work again. But he had only put his fork in a few times when he saw something gleaming.

"Treasure," he yelled. And it was, too. A shiny new sixpenny piece.

But although he dug quite a large area he did not find any more. But Daddie got his patch dug—and he thought it was worth sixpence!

JACKO AND CHIMP GET UNDER THEIR SKIN



Jacko and Chimp had been invited to a fancy dress party and they decided to go as a kindly crocodile and a benign bear. But what a shock for the bus passengers as they saw Jacko and Chimp about to climb aboard! They soon recovered, however, when they saw that the "crocodile" and "bear" were only skin deep! In fact, one of them, on seeing our hero's faces, said that they looked more handsome in their disguises than they did out of them!

Find the imps

EACH of the answers to the following clues begins with IMP. Can you find them?

This imp commands rather haughtily

This imp does things without thinking

This imp pretends to be someone else

This imp is not a good idea

This imp cannot wait

This imp entreats.

Answer next week

Sammy Simple

"WHAT is the difference between mice and mouse?" a boy asked Sammy.

"One mice is a mouse and lots of mouses are mice."

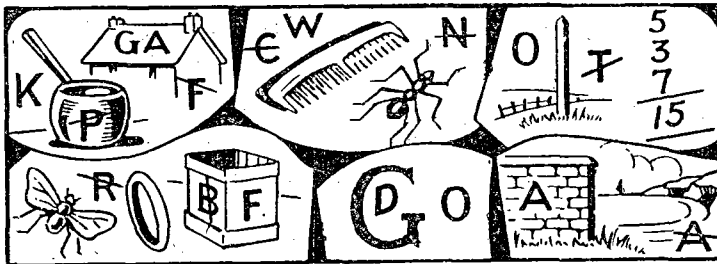
Guided missile

"WHO broke that cup?" demanded Mother.

"Not me, Mum. I just dropped it and it broke itself."

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS PICTURE-PUZZLE?

By solving the answer to each picture you will find the names of six animals which have their homes in Australia.



Answer next week

Driven from pillar to post

REAL tennis was originally played in tavern courtyards. In modern tennis courts devices representing various features of such courtyards are still reproduced.

One stroke involves driving the ball from the front of the court (from the pillars of the front door) to a post on the back wall. So to be driven from one course of action to another is "to be driven from pillar to post."

JUMBLE QUIZ

To find the answer to each clue, rearrange the letters in the anagrams. Each solution begins with the letter S.

1. Czechoslovakian composer, known as the founder of modern Czech music; parts of his best known opera, The Bartered Bride, are often heard in England. (SET A MAN)

2. The "Upper House," corresponding to our House of Lords, in the ancient Roman and many modern forms of government. (SEE ANT)

3. Ancient Indian language; as one of the great Aryan family of languages, it is related to Latin and Greek. (RAT SKINS)

4. Austrian composer who wrote his first song at the age of 14 and his first symphony at the age of 16; although he died at 31, he left an enormous number of great compositions. (THE SCRUB)

Answer next week

FLOWER LEGENDS

ACCORDING to legend, Princess Phyllis and a youth named Demophoon were each wrecked on the Thracian coast, where they fell in love. Demophoon's ship being repaired he sailed home, promising to return, but there he met another maiden and forgot Phyllis.

Meanwhile, Phyllis watched and waited on the Thracian shore until she became ill and faded away with grief. The gods showed their admiration for her by turning her into an Almond tree.

Then Demophoon returned, and on learning that the tree was Phyllis he embraced the trunk and watered the roots with tears of repentance, whereupon the tree burst into bloom for joy. In the Greek tongue the name of Almond became Phylla.

Four from two

Four words are missing in the following paragraph but you need find only two, for they both have different meanings. What are they?

WE shall have to . . . hard for the match on Saturday. We were going to travel by . . . but our . . . now thinks it will be quicker by . . .

Answer next week

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Planet picture puzzle.
Mars, Saturn,
Neptune, Jupiter,
Mercury, Uranus

Jumble Quiz.
Rhodes, Rosetta,
Reading, Rodney

What am I?
Broadcast

ROAD	HARM
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AFAR	BELT
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REDEEMS	
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ALLES	STUN
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